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1. C- ENTIRE TEXT

2. CHARGE JUNE 11 CONVEYED POINTS IN REF A TO MFA
AMERICAN AND OCEANIAN AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR
HAN XU, WHO EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR THE PROMPT
AND INFORMATIVE RESPONSE. HAN SAID THE CHINESE SIDE
WOULD REVIEW THE LIST OF TOPICS AND PROVIDE
SUGGESTIONS OF ITS OWN, SINCE IT WAS POSSIBLE
CERTAIN TOPICS MIGHT BE MORE APPROPRIATE FOR DISCUSSION
WITH ONE LEADER OR ANOTHER.

IF CHINESE VIEWS COULD NOT BE PROVIDED BEFORE THE SECRETARY'S ARRIVAL, HAN SUGGESTED THAT ASSISTANT CONFIDENTIAL

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SECRETARY HOLDRIDGE AND THE CHARGE MEET WITH

VICE MINISTER ZHANG WENJIN AND HAN HIMSELF AT THE GUEST HOUSE IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE SECRETARY'S ARRIVAL TO REVIEW THE SCHEDULE AND MAKE ANY LAST MINUTE ADJUSTMENTS IN THE TOPICS FOR EACH MEETING.

3. HAN ASKED

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4. ON THE QUESTION OF SPECIALIST MEETINGS, HAN
OBSERVED THAT THE US RESPONSE DID NOT ADDRESS THE
QUESTION OF WHAT THE SECRETARY HAD IN MIND IN SUGGESTING
THESE MEETINGS COULD BE "COMBINED" WITH THE LARGER
MEETINGS (REF B, PARA 3D). CHARGE SAID IT SEEMED
CLEAR FROM THE US RESPONSE THAT THE INTENTION WAS
TO HAVE THESE SPECIALIST MEETINGS TAKE PLACE
SEPARATE FROM THE LARGER MEETINGS. HAN ASKED WHETHER
PM DIRECTOR BURT, GENERAL WALTERS, AND DOD DEPUTY
ASSISTANT SECRETARY ARMITAGE COULD MEET WITH CHAI
CHENGWEN AT THE SAME TIME, OR WHETHER SEPARATE
MEETINGS WERE DESIRED. HE EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT
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CHAI COULD MEET WITH THEM JOINTLY. CHARGE SAID HE WOULD SEEK SPECIFIC GUIDANCE ON THIS QUESTION (NOTE: THE CHINESE HAVE APPARENTLY ALREADY SCHEDULED SEPARATE MEETINGS FOR ARMITAGE AND BURT WITH CHAI CHENGWEN).

5. CHARGE REAFFIRMED HIS EARLIER REMARKS ON US PRESS PLAY, ADDING THAT EXTENSIVE DISCUSSION OF THE TAIWAN ISSUE IN THE CHINESE PRESS IN CONNECTION WITH THE VISIT WOULD ONLY SERVE TO FOCUS ATTENTION ON THIS ISSUE. MENTION OF THE WEISSKOPF WASHINGTON POST ARTICLE (STATE 152052) ROSE IN THIS CONNECTION:

CHARGE NOTED THAT THE WEISSKOPF ARTICLE WAS BASED ON CHINESE SOURCES AND THAT EMBOFFS HAD ADVISED WEISSKOPF THAT THE VIEWS IN HIS ARTICLE CONFLICTED WITH THE OFFICIAL PRC POSITION ON THE QUESTION OF ARMS SALES TO TAIWAN, AS PUBICLY REAFFIRMED BY THE MFA SPOKESMAN ON JUNE 9.

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